

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, second paragraph:

Animal watering devices that create flowing water to attract small pets is well known in the art; however, these devices create unwanted noises and splashing, a nuisance to pet owners. These unwanted noises often frighten pets which makes them reluctant to approach such devices.

Page 8, paragraph starting at line 15:

Reservoir 62 comprises an opening 70 for filling the reservoir with water. When storage reservoir 62 is filled, valve assembly 63 is inserted over opening 70 to regulate water flow from the reservoir. As best seen in FIG. 2, valve assembly 63 comprises a cover 64, a stem 66 and a cap 68, all operable together to regulate the flow of water into lower container 20. Referring to FIGS. 9 and 10, cap 68 comprises a threaded interior 78 to easily attach the valve assembly to threads 82 on reservoir 62. Stem 66, which is attached to the bottom side of cover 64, is inserted into opening 80 (FIG. 10). The diameter of opening 80 is slightly larger than the stem diameter to permit the stem to slide relative to opening 80. When valve assembly 63 is installed and reservoir 62 is holding water, the weight of the water seats cover 64 on annular ridge 84 and provides a sufficient seal to prevent water flow through opening 86. Thus, when carrying storage reservoir 62 from the re-fill area to the watering device, no spilling occurs.

Page 9, paragraph starting at line 6:

Once reservoir 62 is filled, it is placed above rear container 32 and adjacent water processing apparatus 42. Cover 64 and stem 66, which extends downward from reservoir 62, are pushed upward by bump 34 (FIG. 4) to allow water to flow through opening 86. When the water level in lower container 20 falls below a minimum level from use or by evaporation, water will be gravity fed into container 20 to replenish the water supply. This configuration provides substantially silent operation as pump 56 is submerged at all times during operation, regardless of whether or not water is delivered to the lower container in a non-splashing manner. After reservoir 62 empties, the owner can remove the reservoir from waterer 18 using grips 73, to detach valve assembly 63 and re-fill the device for continued use. Reservoir 62 comprises a flat storage surface 72 to allow owners to place it on flat surfaces when filling or storing the device.